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**Program Goal:** *Vulnerable, rural populations in Sila Region are increasingly able to support themselves in a sustainable manner.*

### **Achievements:**

The following sections highlight major achievements achieved this quarter:

	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period July 1– September 30, 2014				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (through September 30, 2014) Period			
Sectors	Targeted		Reached		Targeted		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
1 AFS	2706	1462	2706	1462	3500	2100	3500	2100
2 ERMS	160	45	126	36	450	270	126	36

## **SECTOR 1. Agriculture and Food Security**

### **Brief Sector Narrative:**

#### **Rainy season distributions**

The rainy season seeds distribution continued this quarter but was challenged by rainfall. Heavy rains washed away sandy roads and the wadis overflowed, rendering seeds transportation impossible to the villages. We are left with 68.82 metric tons of seeds, which will be sold at current rates in order to recover some costs. This value will be reinvested into the target communities.

Counter season seeds were distributed to 500 households in 22 villages. Some monitoring activities regarding weeding and crop growth were also conducted by WCDO staff.

#### **Training for farmer group members**

Five (5) members per farmer group (150 people) were invited to represent each farming group at the training. However, due to the intense activities taking place in the villages during this period, only 126 people were able to participate. The WCDO field team was fully involved in the training exercise even though it was led by ONDR agronomists. The program team with ONDR technicians conducted training for farmer group members on the topics: "Fighting against the enemies of farming and plant disease" and "Running a Farmer Group." The District Chief Executive Officer voluntarily launched the training program, and helped in facilitating the conversation. Full training days included morning and afternoon sessions.

#### **SCI Pilot**

The System of Crop Intensification (SCI) activities focused on transplanting millet and sorghum seedlings. Unfortunately, the technical specialist trip was complicated by travel authorization issues, and field staff proceeded without training. Mistakes were made in the step-by-step process required of SCI, including the planting of local millet, instead of finger millet, which was

the intended test crop. Also, soil preparation was not done correctly. The harvest will be compared during the next quarter, but it is not expected that this pilot will yield the anticipated results.

**SUB-SECTOR: *Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security***

Indicator 1: <i>Projected increase in # of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary HH</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	N/A until harvest	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 months	N/A
Indicator 2: <i>Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, by sex</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	F: 1080 M: 1626	F: 1080 M: 1626	F: 1390 M: 2110	F: 1390 M: 2110	F: 1390 M: 2110	100%
Indicator 3: <i># of people trained in organic pesticides/insecticides</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	600	0
Indicator 4: <i>Increased yield per hectare in SCI plots as compared with traditionally planted plots</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	N/A until harvest	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	0

Note: Those counted in indicator #3 are a subset of those counted in Indicator #2

**SECTOR 2. *Economic Recovery and Market Systems***

**Brief Sector Narrative:**

The 90 women's groups (Economic Recovery and Market Systems) were identified in BREC's target villages and received trainings. The total attendance was 126 members out of 160 targets this quarter. Due to bad roads, the program team selected 10 accessible villages (8 host communities and 2 returnee communities). The women ROSCA members completed one training on "Setting and Running of a ROSCA group." At the end of the training, each ROSCA group received a kit comprised of savings metal boxes, three security locks for each box.

**SUB-SECTOR: *Microfinance***

Indicator 1: <i># of people, by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to OFDA support</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	160	126	126	126	450 women	28%

Indicator 2: <i>% of financial service accounts/groups supported by OFDA that are functioning properly</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	95%	0%
Indicator 3: <i>Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	\$3,000	\$2444	\$3,000	\$2444	\$50,000*	0.48%

*\*Note: A review of this target shows it was based on an incorrect definition of the "program area". A more realistic target is \$6,615 for the life of the grant, which would show a 37% implementation rate.*

### **Analysis of Progress:**

Despite the challenges noted below, this project is on track for implementation.

### **Collaboration/Coordination:**

WCDO remains an active member of all humanitarian coordination meetings at the regional level. We are present during cluster meetings (Agriculture and food Security, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Education etc.)

### **New Developments:**

Some of the beneficiaries have expressed the need to receive other trainings on soap making, vegetables and fruit transformation into juice and other produce. WCDO will look for other opportunities to support livelihood development.

### **Challenges:**

WCDO still has difficulty with the timing of grant launch and agricultural seasons. Despite having a PAL, seeds were not purchased early enough to complete distributions, due to the significant financial burden. Consideration needs to be taken for appropriate start dates, to ensure activities are completed on time. Unfortunately, this also affected the SCI pilot, which was rushed to coincide with rainy season planting, and was not done well as a consequence.

Due to the strength of early rains cutting off remote villages, we are left with 68.82 metric tons of seeds, which will be sold at current rates in order to recover some costs. This value will be reinvested into the target communities.

During training sessions, most participants had to swim, cross the Wadi Kadja, and walk an average distance of 10 miles to reach the training center. That could be one of the factors that discouraged many women from showing up. For the same reasons, farmer group-beneficiaries on the eastern side of the Wadi Kadja from villages located at about more than 10 miles such as Koumou Moudouga, Tawaigne, and Taroura could not represent their respective groups (Teiba Tidara, Rad Absisi and Boyina Abalé).

**Key activities for the upcoming quarter**

The program team will continue conducting training for farmers' groups and women ROSCA members. The women groups will be specifically trained in the ROSCA principles during the next quarter. We will be expecting to document the harvest result of the System of Crop Intensification (SCI). The next quarter will also cover part of dry season farming activities.